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January, 1995

Dear Affiliated Club:

Enclosed, please find the 1995 ARRL Club Report form. Please complete and return the form to ARRL HQ as soon as possible. Thanks!

Please note: When your club officers change during the year, please notify ARRL Headquarters. Your current information helps us in directing important correspondence and other mailings to the right person in your club.

If you would like a copy of the new ARRL Annual Report, please let us know. The Annual Report contains the business reports of the League, and reports from its Board of Directors, Officers and major staff groups. It is available to you free-of-charge -- all you need to do is complete and return the enclosed label.

73,

Sincerely,

Richard Palm, K1CE
Field Services Manager



AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CLUB OFFICER TRANSITION

Dear Club Members:

It is crucial to the continued success of your League-affiliated club that when club officers change, appropriate notifications are filed and club records are passed along or otherwise maintained. Here's a handy check-off list to use when a new club officer, such as the president, is installed. A few blank spaces are provided at the end of this form for you to use in adding your own special items.

- X 1. Notify ARRL HQ immediately of all new club officers.
(This is critical so that important news and other items from HQ are sent to the correct club officers.)
(See sepearte letter)
- X 2. Notify your Section Manager, and Affiliated Club Coordinator, and state agencies, if applicable.
K9GDF
- X 3. Is current annual report on file with ARRL HQ?
(Here with)
- ? 4. If club is an SSC, is SSC status current?
(Not yet)
5. Are official club papers secure?

OK Certificate and Articles of incorporation.

OK Articles of Association, By-Laws.

OK Corporate seal.

OK Non-profit status documentation.

OK State and Federal tax i-d numbers.

OK List of documents to be filed with IRS, and copies of those filed by club.

OK Insurance policies: liability, equipment.

yes Are they current?

OK Post office bulk mailing permit

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IRL
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- OK 6. Is **Club station license** secure?
(Is station license current?)
(Filed with Club President)
- ___ 7. Club **property inventory** accounted for? (Is inventory list current? Does list show location and custody responsibilities?)
- ___ 8. Is inventory of materials in club **safe deposit box** current?
- OK ___ 9. List of all **bank accounts** and holdings. (Is list current and updated quarterly?)
(Records with Club Treasurer)
- ___ 10. Club **archives** (Are historical records, minutes, newsletters, photos, ledgers, and awards in safe, secure location?)
- ___ 11. **Contracts** and agreements in force. (Are they current? Are all associated papers present in appropriate file?)
- ___ 12. Is current information on **utilities** billed to the club (power, water, telephone), including billing addresses, on hand?
- ___ 13. [?] **Frequency coordination** correspondence. Is repeater pair assignment current?
- ___ 14. [?] Is **Trademark** information on hand and current?
- X 15. [?] By-Laws (Under revision)
- ___ 16. _____
- ___ 17. _____
- ___ 18. _____
- ___ 19. _____
- ___ 20. _____

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The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

P.O. Box 25707
Milw., Wi., 53201

ARRL Hq.,
Newington, Ct. 06111

Jan. 25, 1995

Rosalie:

I presented your letter of Nov. 9th to the Board of Directors last night, and we discussed the matter for some time.

As you may not be aware, we are refurbishing an old time Radio Club-the oldest continuously operating club in the USA. We were affiliated with the ARRL in 1919, and have been in operation continuously ever since.

We have revamped our Board of Directors, have revised our By-Laws, we have established a school for the instruction of would-be hams, and we examine them in our VEC program.

We are rebuilding our membership, we have revamped our programs, we have installed a 2 meter repeater, W9RH on 147.045+, and we operate local information nets on 10m. & 2m. Our Newsletter, Hamateur Chatter (from long ago), has been re-done, and serves as another line of communication with our membership. The local people can access our information line on 466-HAMS for timely information on local events, and we have a 24 hr/day FAX facility.

Our Field Day operation took place on the site of the Pioneer Village-an Historic recreation in Ozaukee County. We also operated 2 special event stations from the same location, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of our affiliation with the ARRL.

We have put a great deal of time, effort, and money into the last two years refurbishment, and we are not in a financial position to contribute as you suggest. It sounds as though this might be a real incentive, but until we recoup, I'm afraid that we must decline.

If it is your intent to continue this program, please write again next year, as we will be in better shape to make such a decision.

cc: E. Wille, Pres.

73,
Fred A. Linn
FRED A. LINN
W9NBF

Nov. 5, 1995

Dear madam or sir,

Would you please tell me when your next exam course is going to be.
I'm studying for novice class. Also would you please send me any publications or books about ham radio.

Sincerely,

Steve Kaeppler
Steve Kaeppler



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February 13, 1995

Fred Linn, W9NZF
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
P O Box 25707
Milwaukee WI 53201

Dear Fred,

I apologize for the slow reply to your letter; I've been away on business travel, plus took a few vacation days not yet used from last year. Thank you for writing about the projects that MRAC members are working on--it is quite understandable why there is no money to spare for helping to reprint Archie comics. Thanks for your members' consideration. This week, we've just about met our goal to raise the money for reprint costs (the ARRL Foundation is matching all contributions).

I don't know about the assurances that WB9LNU received for having a QST article about MRAC's club history. I'll share your letter with Field Services Department whose responsibilities include working with clubs that are ARRL-affiliated. Maybe some light can be shed on the subject.

73.

Rosalie

Rosalie White, WA1STO
Educational Activities Manager

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MEMBER SERVICE

February 22, 1995

Fred Linn, W9NZF
Secretary, Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club
P. O. Box 25707
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Fred:

I recently saw your letter to Rosalie White about your club's on-going activities and recent efforts to revitalize. I am particularly interested in the article that your club historian has written about the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club. I checked my article files to be sure that the previous submission was not passed on to me by another staff member at one time or another. I didn't find it.

I may be able to incorporate this article into a Club Spectrum column in *QST*. Would your club be interested in submitting the article again? As a follow up to the historical article, a story on your how your club has rebuilt its membership and revamped its programs would be very interesting, I believe, to ARRL members. Your club brochure outlines some of these activities nicely.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to this opportunity to work with the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

73,

Steve Ewald, WV1X
Assistant Field Services Manager



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April 27, 1995

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5608 Edgewater Dr.
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Dear Fred:

Thank you very much for providing information on the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc. I also just received a copy of the article by James W. Tromblay, WB9LNU, the Club Historian. Edward Wille, W9PWG, mailed that to me. I look forward to working with all the material for a future Club Spectrum column. I'll be in touch if I have any questions.

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COMMUNITY ROOM APPLICATION

GROUP NAME

NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

SIZE OF GROUP

AREA IN WHICH MOST MEMBERS RESIDE

REQUESTED MEETING TIMES

Please list below the name of the contact person, their business and home telephone numbers, and their address:

If our Community Room was not available, would you have other options for a meeting place?





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COMMUNITY ROOM CONFIRMATION

Name of Organization: The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

Contact Person: Fred A. Linn

(The following dates have been reserved between 7:00 - 10:30 P.M.):

1995

JANUARY 26

JULY 27

FEBRUARY 23

AUGUST 31

MARCH 30

SEPTEMBER 28

APRIL 27

OCTOBER 26

MAY 25

NOVEMBER 30

JUNE 29

DECEMBER

Please review the enclosed rules which govern use of our facility.
If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

WAUWATOSA SAVINGS BANK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lois A. Donovan'.

Lois A. Donovan
Customer Service Representative

Enc:



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Thanks goes to Travis, Roger, Ted, Fred, and our AES Speaker for a good meeting. I wish that I could have been there! Your cards and calls helped my hospital stay. As things look right now I should be back on line for our February meeting.

I hope that all of you managed to see the two hour show on the beginnings of radio on Channel 10. I found it quite good. The show, however didn't bring out many points out as to why Sarnoff and Armstrong ended up in court over FM. It's hard, however to tell a story of such magnitude in such a short time. We have a video on the program if you didn't see it.

Just to let you know. On Saturday, April 4th Channel 10/36 Friends is planning the First International Beer Tasting to be held at Mayfair Mall. This event will be similar to the Wine Tasting event of last November. We are looking at the possibility of once again assisting with our HT's. Hopefully this time, however things will turn out being a little bit more organized creating less frustration for us. I will supply you with details as I receive more information.

See you at the next meeting.

Ed Wille
W9PWG

FEBRUARY CLUB PROGRAM:

MAXWELL, FARADAY, HENRY AND STEINMETZ--sounds like a prestigious law firm? Not so! These gentlemen were the early scientists who discovered the effects, and developed the theories, of electromagnetism.

Mr. Alex Cooper, Chief Engineer of MTE Corporation, tells me that his daily design activities are closely linked to the findings of these men. Alex will present a discussion on Magnetic Components and Circuitry at our February 27th meeting.

Roger Zahn
Program Chairman



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P.O. Box 25707

April 12, 1995

Mr. Steve Ewald, WVIX
Assistant Field Services Manager
The American Radio Relay League, Inc.
Administrative Headquarters
225 Main Street
Newington, Connecticut 06111-1494

Dear Steve:

Per your letter, of February 22, 1995, to our Club Secretary Mr. Fred Linn. I am enclosing a copy of the article about our Club. If you need any further information please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward F. Wille", is written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Edward F. Wille W9PWG
President
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

414-461-5961 home
414-466-HAMS - Message machine

By: James W. Tromblay WB9LNU

MPAC Director and Club Historian

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

'The worlds oldest continuously active club
affiliated with the ARRL."

This year marks the 75th anniversary of our charter membership with the ARRL, on December 5, 1919. The club was founded in 1917 by Dr. Loy S. Baird, 9HO. The government ban on the operation of amateur apparatus, because of World War I, limited our membership until the ban was lifted in 1919. The importance of the League to the general growth of Amateur Radio and the solidarity of our club mandated that we joined with Hiram Percy Maxim in a nation wide effort to promote the advancement of Amateur Radio. Our Milwaukee members and Hams worldwide have enjoyed the benefits of the ARRL ever since. With a great sense of pride we celebrate our 75th year of affiliation.

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club has the good fortune to have many dynamic members over the years. We have had forty-eight presidents since 1919, some of which served more than one term. Each administration had a publicity manager to promote the club and the importance of membership in the ARRL. In 1923 we were chartered as

a corporation in Wisconsin and in 1926 we started publishing the "Milwaukee ARRL News". We later changed its name to "MRAC Hamateur Chatter". In 1928 the MRAC sponsored the first ARRL Central Division convention at the Republican Hotel in Milwaukee.

The 1930's brought the on rush of five meters. Our club members took to this band like we do two meters today. "Hamateur Chatter" articles and club meetings were devoted to diagrams and discussion on methods to build small transmitters and receiver converters. A club school was started on a large scale, to help newcomers get their license and master the art of building their own radio. Local QSO contests were developed and the prizes were parts to build radios.

During World War II Amateur Radio was again banned. Our members who didn't go to war kept busy with a local War Emergency Radio Service. Our "Hamateur Chatter" was mailed to our members in the service to keep them informed to what was happening at home and to tell jokes to keep their spirits up. Members who have since moved away still subscribe to keep abreast of what's happening back in Milwaukee.

In 1948 our club was host to the ARRL National Convention in Milwaukee and our convention chairman Jack

Doyle W9GPI later became the ARRL central division director. Public safety and civil defense was a big club activity during the 50's and 60's because of the atomic age, Korea, and the Cuban missile crisis. We had a civil defense radio system and a MRAC emergency corps. A civil defense net was conducted twice a week. Growth brought our membership to 250 and the club got its first call W9HRM. Our radio school is still in full swing and ARRL Field Day became a yearly event. In July of 1967 the MRAC sponsored another ARRL Central Division Convention.

During the 70's our "Hamateur Chatter" editorial group sponsored a MRAC worked all states contest to promote more participation in the ARRL operating achievement awards program. We demonstrated Ham Radio at our local shopping malls and at schools in the Milwaukee area.

The 1980's brought a new club call, W9RH, which we still use today. Thru MRAC public relations our Governor Lee Dreyfus signed documents proclaiming May 17 as Amateur Radio Day in Wisconsin. This notice was displayed yearly on our city hall. A photo is in the December, 1980 QST. MRAC sponsors a VEC, Jack Krause W9JK, and a volunteer group of 52 VE's to give tests twice a month and, also at local hamfests of other

Wisconsin radio clubs.

Today our club remains a pattern for other clubs to follow. We are "the oldest continuously active club". There is a tall filing cabinet full of records on hand to show this is true. The club has an open repeater on 147.045+ where a net is conducted every Friday night. An emergency weather relay and other Milwaukee area clubs are welcome to use the repeater for their needs also. Our school, complete with code class and the VE program are still going strong. ARRL material is still used to help our students gain a better understanding of electronics.

The longest active member of our club, W9VQD, joined in 1932. He is presently our 1st Vice President. More than 1200 hams and associate members have been in our club since our affiliation. Over 170 are still with us today.

We celebrated our 75th year of affiliation with a special event station on August 13, and October 8 on all HF bands with CW & SSB. Our repeater was used for local contacts. A special QSL was created. It's a copy of the original charter signed by Hiram Percy Maxim in 1919 with the 75th year information across the top. It was a fun event for all. We're looking forward to our 100th

anniversary.

For more information on our VE program, a
subscription to "Hamateur Chatter", and/or club
membership please write to: MRAC, P.O. Box 25707,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225.

5608 Edgewater Dr.
Cedarburg, Wi.
53012

Ed:

I am in receipt of a letter from W2ORA, who is the membership committee chairman of the South Jersey Radio Assoc., Inc., and he saw my article in CQ sometime ago, and is contesting our claim of being the oldest club in the USA-see enclosures. He claims establishment of the club was June 12, 1916, and affiliation with ARRL in 1920.

From reading their printed material, I would say that they are an active bunch, with lots of participation. Their membership committee takes responsibility for new members' communication, recruitment, and membership-he is the chairman.

I am writing a response to his letter, as appreciating his letter, with no mention of his "bone of contention". I thought you might like to bring this up with the Board, so am including all of his material.

The distinction might be that we are the oldest continuously AFFILIATED club in the US, since they were affiliated in 1920, we in 1919, if we would insist on splitting hairs!

Somebody is always trying to get into the act!!

Dec. 11, 1995

Cordially,

And Levin
W9NBF

TO BOARD MEMBERS OF MRA 12/95

FOR OUR CLUB MEETINGS IN 1996 I'D LIKE TO
TRY SOMETHING NEW.

I CALL IT LETS TALK SERIES

- ① LETS TALK WIRE ANTENNAS
- ② LETS TALK SWR
- ③ LETS TALK OHMS LAW
- ④ LETS TALK IMPEDANCE
- ⑤ LETS TALK FIELD DAY
- ⑥ LETS TALK TESTING YOUR SSB LG
- ⑦ LETS TALK UPGRADING YOUR LISC

AT THE MEETING A PANEL OF 3 MEMBERS
WOULD FIRST TALK ON THE SUBJECT AND THEN
FIELD QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS
ATTENDING THE MEETING. A CONTROLLED
DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT ON THE
TABLE THAT IS. WE NEED A CHAIRMAN
AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS TO RUN EACH
LETS TALK SESSION.

WE CAN ADD OF COURSE VIDEO, SLIDES, OVERHEAD
V TEST EQUIPMENT IF REQUIRED. PICK YOUR
NOTCH AND PUT YOUR NAME ON A PANEL
OR TWO. AS CHAIRMAN OR HELPER.
I CAN SPARE TWO WIRELESS PHOS FOR THE SOUND SYSTEM
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?
WE CAN SPLIT FEB TO GIVE US SOUND TIME
LETS TALK ABOUT THIS AT OUR NEXT SOUND MEETING

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE A ^{CLUB} GUEST MEMBER
TO EACH BOARD MEETING. THIS COULD GIVE US
MEMBERSHIP INFO ABOUT THE CLUB.

IDEAS OR WHAT CLUB MEMBERS THINK. WE WOULD
ASK IN CHARTER FOR CLUB MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE
THEN INVITE MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED. ^{TO} ^{APPROVED}

WE MIGHT FIND A MEMBER TO RUN FOR OFFICE &
I'D LIKE TO START THIS ASAP.

TOM BARNHARTMAN, LEADS PERSON, OFFERING TO INVITE NEW
HELP NAME THEM WITH ME AS
A BOARD MEMBER.

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